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SUBJECT: RUMORED SUGAR RATIONING IN ROMANIA

REF: MUNICH 1847

1. SINCE OCTOBER EDIBLE OIL AND SUGAR HAVE BEEN IN SHORT SUPPLY AND AT TIMES NOT AVAILABLE AT ALL (MAJOR PROBLEM) IN BUCHAREST AND OTHER PARTS OF COUNTRY. WHILE NO FORMAL SYSTEM OF RATIONING HAS BEEN INSTITUTED, OFFICIAL POLICY IS TO "DISCOURAGE" (SOMETIMES BY MEANS OF POLICE SEARCHES) QUANTITY BUYING AND, IF FACT, STORES REFUSE TO SELL MORE THAN ONE KILOGRAM OF EITHER ITEM TO A CUSTOMER. HOWEVER, THIS IS DAILY QUOTA, NOT MONTHLY, AS MENTIONED REFTEL. OFFICIAL GOR EXPLANATION OF SCARCITY IS THAT PROBLEM DUE TO HOARDING BY "UNWORTHY" CITIZENS IN ANTICIPATION OF INCREASED PRICES.

2. GOR OFFICIALS KEENLY AWARE OF PROBLEMS CREATED BY NON-AVAILABILITY OF SUCH STAPLE ITEMS, AND THIS CONCERN REFLECTED IN RECENT HIGH-LEVEL ATTENTION OF SUBJECT, I.E., PRIME MINISTER MANESCU'S REFERENCE IN A RECENT GNA SPEECH OF NEED TO "ENERGETICALLY COMBAT" PRACTICE OF SOME CITIZENS WHO STORE "USELESS GOODS"; NOVEMBER 11 MEETING OF RCP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH DISCUSSED "RATIONAL DISTRIBUTION AND GOOD ADMINISTRATION OF PRODUCTS DESTINED FOR THE CONSUMERS"; AND CEAUSESCU PLEDGE IN HIS PARTY CONGRESS SPEECH TO INCREASE THE

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PRODUCTION OF BOTH ITEMS. IN FACT, SUGAR SITUATION DOES SEEM

A BIT BETTER IN LAST FEW WEEKS FOLLOWING HARVEST.

3. COMMENT. ONLY OFFICIAL RATIONING RECENTLY INSTITUTED HAS  
BEEN A QUOTA OF 180 LITERS OF GASOLINE PER MONTH FOR MOST STATE  
AND OFFICIAL VEHICLES.

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